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DX News

Interviewing Matt Jolly – RV Braveheart Master

A film about Matt Jolly, VP8PJ team member:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=CyDkMFAouLk&feature=emb_title

VP8PJ QSL card status

On Friday, April 10th the VP8PJ QSL card design was sent to Max (ON5UR QSL Print Service) for review and setup. After our final review is complete the cards will be printed and shipped to Tim M0URX for distribution. Thousands of QSO and mailing labels have already been processed and are ready for placement on QSL cards and direct mail envelopes. Buro cards will be placed in the system in early 2021.

<https://www.dx-world.net/vp8pj-qsl-card-status/>

9J2LA QSL card status

The 9J2LA QSL card has now been prepared and was sent yesterday to UX5UO QSL Print. It's estimated that cards will be out in 3-4 weeks depending on status of worldwide Postal Service due to Covid-19 situation.

DXCC Timeline



Last update: April 2, 2020



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CC IK8LOV Max Laconca

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This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

9G, GHANA Matt, IZ4YGS is once again active as 9G5GS from Sanzule until May 15. Operation from 160 to 15 meter using mostly FT8 F/H. QSL via home call IZ4YGS, LOTW.

9J, ZAMBIA Mario, IK1MYT is active from Lusaka as 9J2MYT until May. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via IZ3KVD, Club Log QRSS.

H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC is active as H44MS. QRV from his countryside QTH on Malaita Island. He expected to leave the country on 23 April, but all of his flights have been cancelled. H44MS will be QRV "for some more time" on 17 and 40 metres SSB and FT8.

HK, COLOMBIA Lothar, DK8LRF is operating as HK3JCL until end April from Finca Ligia. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, HR5/F2JD was expected to remain in Honduras until April 4 but COVID-19 situation is causing him to stay longer. Unless he can catch a "flight opportunity", he is likely to be there until early June. QSL via F6AJA.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as VK9NK until there will be flights available. He moved QTH on April 10 to the northern part of the island. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

<http://vk9nk.dxpeditions.org/>

YI, IRAQ Giorgio IU5HWS is in Iraq until mid-July. He's going there with the Italian Army Airborne Brigade. QRV on 40-20-10m. Giorgio will update his YI/IU5HWS page on QRZ.com with more details later.

Coming up soon

A2, BOTSWANA David, VE7VR will be operating as A25VR from April 28 until May 24. Operation in 'holiday-style' on 40-20 meter, low power. QSL via home call.

QSL preview







ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

8Q, MALDIVES Yosuke, JJ1DQR will be active from Male as 8Q7QR from September 4 until September 8. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. An entry in the All Asian DX Contest is included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

CEOY, EASTER ISLAND Hans-Martin, DK2HM will be operating as XR0YHM between August 27 and September 7. QRV in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or home call direct or bureau.

OA, PERU Look for Yuri, N3QQ as OA7/call from Machu Picchu. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF.

THE REMINDERS

3B8, MAURITIUS A team with G0CKV and others will be active as 3B8M during the CQWW CW contest (Nov 28-29). Activity before and after the contest on the low bands. QSL via MOOXO.

3Y, BOUDET The Rebels will try to activate Bouvet somewhere December 2020. More to follow.

4W, TIMOR LESTE The Lagunaria DX Group is planning a large scale DXpedition to Timor-Leste (4W) from October 11 until November 8. We even already have a confirmed reservation for two close by lodges to have enough space to host up to 10 stations.

Serious participation in both CQWW contests included! <http://timor-leste-dx.de/>

5X, UGANDA Shabu, M0KRI (ex VU7RI, 9U4RI) will be QRV as 5X1RI from end-July to mid-August. More to follow.

7Q, MALAWI Pista, HA5AO will be operating as 7Q7AO during the second half of September/begin October. Dates TBA. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, RTTY, FT8 and some SSB. <https://www.ha5ao.com/index.php/news>

A3, TONGA Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC from October 19 until November 2. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

CEOY, EASTER ISLAND The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active as

xr0ysp FROM September 15 until September 30. Plans are to be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

CY0, SABLE ISL Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized from October 19 until October 28. The team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU.

<http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html>

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM from September 28 until October 17. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

FM, MARTINIQUE Uwe, DL8UD will be active as TO5O during the RSGB IOTA contest (July 25-26). Before and after he will operate as FM/call. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

FM, MARTINIQUE Marius ON4RU will be operating as FM/OQ3R between May 25 and June 6. An entry in the CQ WPX CW contest is included as TO3F. Outside the contest operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via home call.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON A Canadian and American group of operators will be operating as TO5T between August 10 and August 17. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via WB2REM, OQRS Club Log and LoTW. <http://to5t.com/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 30 and July 14. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FS, ST MARTIN David, F8AAN will once again be active as FS/call from November 18 until December 4. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

J8, GRENADINES Oleh, UR5BCP will be operating as J8/call from May 20 until May 27. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8. QSL via KD7WPJ.

KH4, MIDWAY ISL Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway in October 2020 for about 2 weeks. Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.) More to follow.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS Torsten DL4APJ and Udo DL2AQI will be operating as OY/calls from September 15 until September 23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via homecalls, bureau and LoTW.

P4, ARUBA Bill N4IQ and Bob ND7J will be operating as P4/call between July 15-22. An entry in the IARU contest as P40US is included (July 11-12). <http://p4aruba.com/>

PJ4, BONAIRE Rich, M5RIC will be operating as PJ4/call from September 22 until September 29. An entry in the CQWW RTTY is included as PJ4CC. QSL via M0OXO.

T2, TUVALU The Rebels will be QRV as T22T (pending) somewhere during spring. More to follow.

T33, BANABA The Rebels will be operating as T33T the first half of 2020. More to follow.

T8, PALAU Look for JM1LIG/T88FM, JA6UBY/T88RR and JO3LVG/T88MK between September 12 and September 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

TF, ICELAND Mek SP7VC and Kasia SQ7OYL will be travelling by camper around Iceland from July 24 until August 13. They are happy to announce that Iceland is their 100th travelled to DXCC! Their trip passes through many locators and are planning activity on 50, 70, 144 MHz via MS, ES, EME. They will use modes: SSB, FT8, MSK144, JT65A. They are also planning to activate about 7 Lighthouses and 7 rare TF-Flora and Fauna nature reserves on the HF bands. <https://iceland2k20.blogspot.com/>

TT, CHAD The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) between September 29 and October 12 from Ndjamena. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be

active with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only).

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from Calypso Bay from June 11 until July 2. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or home call direct.

VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND The 2016/2019 CY9C team, and the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition CY0C team, is pleased to announce our next DXpedition. After the Sable CY0C DXpedition, they will go to Willis Island VK9W in 2021. 8 Operators from those two teams will comprise the 2021 Willis Island DXpedition team. Boat arrangements have already been made. We are currently working with the Australian government for the necessary permits. (WA4DAN). More to follow.

XT, BURKINA FASO Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX later this year. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

Z6, KOSOVO A German team will be operating as Z66DX between October 15 and October 28. Operation with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

<http://www.z66dx.de/>

ZA, ALBANIA Franz, OE6TQG will be operating as ZA/call from September 6 until September 17. Operation on all bands using all modes. QSL via home call.

ZD7, ST HELENA Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD7W during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). QSL via LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS Look for KO7SS from Cayman Brac as ZF2SS during the CQ WPX CW contest (May 30-31).

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS Frank, KK5XX will be operating as ZF2FD from Grand Cayman from June 10 until June 17. Activity on 80, 40 and 20 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

Announced IOTA THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-023 Amami O Isl Kenji, JA4GXS will be operating as call/6 from May 9 (8 UTC) until May 11 (21 UTC). QRV on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

EUROPE

EU-105 Ile de Batz Christophe F4ELI, Andre F4ELK, Stephane F5UOW, Derek F5VCR, Didier F6DXE and Jean-Pierre ON7ZM will be operating as TM5IB between May 16 and May 23. QRV on HF using SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via ON7ZM.

EU-111 Monach Isles G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the RSGB IOTA contest (July 25-26). QRV outwith contest as GM3RCV.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-039 Adak Isl

NA-070 Kiska Isl

Yuri N3QQ, Vyacheslav OK8AU, Yuri UA9OBA and others will be active as KL7RRC/p from Kiska Island on June 10-15 and as KL7RRC from Adak Island on June 17-19. Activity with 3 stations using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-029 Cedro Isl The Cabreuva DX Team will once again be QRV as ZV1C during May 1-3. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via PU2VCP.

Antarctica base stations

Mirny Station Alexander RX3ABI is operating as RI1ANM until early 2021. Activity on HF when time permits. QSL via home call.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

This is a current list of all STAYHOME calls:

OH0STAYHOME Finnish Amateur Radio League Helsinki
Z39STAYHOME Radio-Amateur Assosiation of North Macedonia and STOP spreading of COVID-19 Virus
OH4STAYHOME Finnish Amateur Radio League MIKKELI & SOUTHERN SAVO
DX0STAYHOME Philippine Amateur Radio Association PARA Quezon City
A60STAYHOME STAY HOME Sharjah
5B4STAYHOME Norman Banks Pafos
OH8STAYHOME Finnish Amateur Radio League Helsinki
W4IPC/STAYHOME Connor J Black Chesapeake VA
9K9STAYHOME KUWAIT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY 13053, SAFAT
OP2STAYHOME RADIOCLUB GRIMBERGEN NBT
4J0STAYHOME The Federation of Radiosport of Azerbaijan Republic QSL via DC9RI
CR2STAYHOME Azores is Taking a BREAK! #STAYSAFE
8C2STAYHOME SPECIAL CALL for CAMPAIGN SOCIAL DISTANCING COVID-19 JL. TANJUNG No. 11 SEMARANG
YO19STAYHOME Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism The Romanian Amateur Radio Federation P.O. BOX 22-50 BU
HZ1STAYHOME Saudi Amateur Radio Society P.O. Box: 12251 Riyadh 11473
Z60STAYHOME SHRAK KOSOVO KOSOVO
CT1STAYHOME Ham Operator Of Portugal Portugal
OT20STAYHOME UBA Award Friends Mechelen & Berchem
OT2STAYHOME Radio Club RC ON7LU Athus LU
OH2STAYHOME Finnish Amateur Radio League Helsinki
OH9STAYHOME Finnish Amateur Radio League Helsinki
ON7AR Antwerp Contest Club - Antwerpen (*alias match*)
CV7STAYHOME EUGENIO DE MARINO LAVALLEJA
OH3STAYHOME Finnish Amateur Radio League TAMPERE & HÄME REGIONS
Z30STAYHOME RADIOAMATEUR SOCIETY OF MACEDONIA Macedonia
OR20STAYHOME ON4RSX UBA RSX Ronse / Renaix
OH5STAYHOME Finnish Amateur Radio League Helsinki
TC1STAYHOME COVID-19 Awareness Special Event Callsign Istanbul
OR4STAYHOME Radio Club Leuven Est 1927 LEUVEN
OR8STAYHOME Section ATH De L'UBA Chateau CLOQUETTE 7801 Irchonwelz (Ath)
OS0STAYHOME UBA Mechelen Division (MCL) Mechelen
OH6STAYHOME Finnish Amateur Radio League Helsinki
ON8ON YVES DUQUESNE 9600 RONSE - BELGIUM (*alias match*)
OR2STAYHOME ON4NOK radio club Turnhout
IX1HPN/STAYHOME Mathieu Bignotti Saint Marcel
E7STAYHOME HAM Operators of Bosnia and Herzegovina 07-Apr-2020 2200UTC to 01-Jun-2020 2200UTC
OH1STAYHOME Finnish Amateur Radio League SOUTHWEST FINLAND
VI2020STAYHOME Radio Amateur Society of Aust RASA Drouin West
R3STAYHOME Roman V. Rakitin Voronezh
OH7STAYHOME Finnish Amateur Radio League Helsinki

G, ENGLAND Peter, G4XEX is active as **GB4SAH** (Stay At Home) until end April to help amateurs "pass the time during the lockdown". (TNX 425DX)

GM, SCOTLAND Euan, MM0VIK is active as **GB1COR** from his home QTH on Mainland, Shetland Islands (EU-012) for the month of April in recognition and support for "the health professionals and essential key workers" during the coronavirus emergency.

Apparently QSL cards will not be available for this special callsign. (TNX 425DX)

OH, FINLAND "Pysy kotona" means "stay at home" in Finnish. Ten **OH#PYSYKOTONA** special callsigns with OH0 to OH9 prefixes are active until July 3 to raise awareness for social distancing and remaining at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. The activity is coordinated by the Lahti Amateur Radio Club. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM The Belgian regulator is issuing special callsigns to convey the message "stay home, stay safe" until April 19 at least. Issued so far are **OR2STAYHOME** (QSL via eQSL), **OT20STAYHOME** (QSL via eQSL), **OT2STAYHOME** (QSL via ON7LU) and **OT6STAYSAFE** (QSL via ON5YL). (TNX 425DX)

OZ, DENMARK Special callsigns **5P0WARD** and **5P0WHD** will be active on April 18 in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. It was on this day in 1925 that the International

Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris. A special award will be available for contacts made with 5P0WARD/xx and 5P0WHD/xx stations with different suffix extensions; further information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/5p0ward>. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via OZ1ACB. Other World Amateur Radio Day 2020 stations include **3Z0WARD** (Poland), **AU20ARD** (India), **HZ1WARD** (Saudi Arabia), **LX5WARD** (Luxem- bourg) and **TF3WARD** (Iceland). QSL via operators' instructions. (TNX 425DX)

VE, CANADA Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC, Canada's IARU member society) will hold a special on-air event to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on 18 April, from 12.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC. The event is to encourage as many amateurs as possible to get on the air and contact as many RAC stations as possible. The RAC official stations that will operate across Canada are **VA2RAC**, **VA3RAC**, **VE1RAC**, **VE4RAC**, **VE5RAC**, **VE6RAC**, **VE7RAC**, **VE8RAC**, **VE9RAC**, **VO1RAC**, **VO2RAC**, **VY0RAC**, **VY1RAC** and **VY2RAC**. A special commemorative certificate will be available. See <https://www.rac.ca/operating/world-amateur-radio-day-april-18/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

4X, ISRAEL

LY, LITHUANIA

Special callsigns **4Z0GAON** from Israel (QSL via LY2QT) and **LY300GAON** from Lithuania (QSL via LY2QT) is active until end April to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Eliyahu ben Shlomo Zalman, known as the Vilna Gaon (1720-1797), one of the most influential figures in rabbinic study since the Middle Ages. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX 425DX)

5B, CYPRUS Amateur radio operators in Cyprus celebrate the 60th anniversary of their Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) during 2020 as **prefix 5B60** (e.g. 5B4AIX turns into 5B60AIX). For QSL information see qrz.com.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES The Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) has several "StayHome" stations active to raise awareness for social distancing and sheltering in place during the COVID-19 pandemic:

A60SH/1 operated by A61M QSL via A61BK
A60SH/2 operated by A61Q QSL via EA7FTR
A60SH/3 operated by A61NN QSL via A61NN
A60SH/4 operated by A61BK QSL via A61BK
A60SH/5 operated by A61DD QSL via A92AA
A60SH/6 operated by A61QQ QSL via A61BK
A60SH/7 operated by A61FJ QSL via LZ1YE
A60SH/8 operated by A61K QSL via A61BK
A60SH/9 operated by A61AY QSL via A61AY
A60SH/10 operated by A61FK QSL via A61BK

BV, TAIWAN Look for **BV120SU** to celebrate the 120th anniversary of Soochow University. Operation on HF until August 4. QSL via BU2EQ. (TNX DXNL)

CO, CUBA Operators of the Ham Radio Club Manual Alvarez are celebrating the centenary of the first radio station founded in 1920 by Manuel Alvarez. Operation as **T46W** on April 24, 25 and 26; June 26, 27 and 28; August 21, 22 and 23. QSL via LoTW.

DL, GERMANY **DL250BEETH** (special DOK 250LVB) joins the celebration of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday until the end of the year. QSL via DJ6SI direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY **DM30RSV** is the special call to commemorate the formation of the Radiosportverband, the first independent national ARC in Germany. QRV until October 2. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct via DK5ON, logsearch Club Log. <https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/dx/7oe-jahre-darc-3oe-jahre-rsv/>

DL, GERMANY The special event station **DA2025C** (special DOK 2025CH) supports the bid of Chemnitz to become the European Capital of Culture in 2025. QRV until the end of January 2021. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special event callsign **DL35SDR** (special DOK 35SDR) draws attention during 2020 to the rapid development of SDR technology during the past 35 years. It also recognises the achievements of Prof. Ulrich L. Rohde (DJ2LR) in that field. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DA0DOM (special DOK 500DOM) draws attention to the completion of the cathedral in Magdeburg in 1520. QRV during 2020 from 160 to 13 cm using CW, SSB, digital modes and FM. QSL via bureau, DL8CWA (d), LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (the German IARU society), special calls **DF70DARC** and **DP70DARC** are on air during 2020. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct to DK5DC; logsearch on Club Log.

<http://www.70darc.club/> (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Yannick, DK1YH and others are active as **DL30GER** during 2020 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the German reunification process. QSL via the bureau or direct via DK1YH. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Special call **DL100BKW** is active throughout 2020 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first broadcast transmission from the Radio Station Koenigs Wusterhausen (22 December 1920), which is regarded as the birth of statutorily regulated broadcasting in Germany. QSL via Club Log OQRS. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX DXNL)

E7, BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA HAM Radio operators in Bosnia and Herzegovina are joining STAY HOME campaign until May 31 as **E7STAYHOME**. Activity will include operators from all parts of the Bosnia and Herzegovina and will be on all bands and modes. Robert, E77E and myself Boris E73Y will take care that QSL cards are sent via bureau to everybody in the LOG. Also you can expect LoTW upload after operation is completed and all LOG's collected.

EA, SPAIN The DXXE Group marks its 15th anniversary with the callsigns **A05DXX** (operator Salva/EA5BB) and **A05DXX/8** (operator Juan/EA8RM) until April 15. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN EE1MGY is a special callsign for EB1LO to commemorate throughout April the sinking of the RMS Titanic during her maiden voyage (15 April 1912). He is QRV using CW, FT8 and WSPR on 160 metres - see why on qrz.com. QSL via EB1LO, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Look for **TM18JUIN** to commemorate 80 years de l'appel Juin 18, 1940. Operators from ARC F4KLR will be active on May 8-9, 23-24, 30-31 and on June 6-7, 13-14, 18-19-20-21 and 27 on HF, VHF and DMR. QSL via F4AHN bureau. See QRZ.com.

F, FRANCE Thierry/F4GVO joins the DXXE celebrations with the callsign **TM15DXXE** during the first half of April. QSL only via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE The radio club at the Percee du Bocage Museum (F4KKE) will operate CW, SSB and FT8 as **TM80CDG** on 6-20 June to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the "Appeal of 18 June" made by Charles de Gaulle from the BBC in London. QSL via F4KKE (bureau) and LoTW. Often regarded as the origin of the French Resistance against the occupation during World War II, the appeal is one of the most remarkable pieces in the history of radio broadcasting, and as such it has been inscribed to the UNESCO's Memory of the World Register. (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND The National Health Service (NHS) is the publicly funded healthcare system of the United Kingdom. More so than ever, it's at the forefront of saving lives in the war against COVID-19. The UK licensing regulator (OFCOM) has given written approval for operators around the UK to use **GB0NHS** from within the comfort of their own shacks. Get in touch with [Col MM0NDX](#) if you'd like to run this special callsign with immediate effect.

G, ENGLAND Celebrating the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group's 60th anniversary, special call **GB60ATG** is used from the various DXCC Entities in the United Kingdom until end June 2020. QSL via M0OXO. Complete information on the event and the BARTG Diamond Jubilee Award can be found on <http://bartg.org.uk/wp/> (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND HB40HTC and **HB40HC** are QRV for the Helvetia Telegraphy Club that is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2020. QSL via bureau and LoTW. A special activity programme - the HB Open CW Activity (HB-OCWA) Award - will be in

place throughout the year to mark the anniversary, help activate the special callsigns and also "inspire amateur radio operators in Switzerland and elsewhere to increase CW activity on the HF bands. The intent of the award is to encourage and reward them for conducting sustained CW conversations rather than short-duration CW signal reports".

<https://hb-ocwa.ch/>

I, ITALY The Mediterraneo DX Club in the Province of Pisa (IQ5JA) celebrates its 10th anniversary during April as **II5MPI**. An award is available as well. QSL via LoTW.

I, ITALY Look for **II3FYT** to celebrate 5 years of Gruppo Radio Dispersi. QRV during 2020. (TNX IW3HV)

I, ITALY **IO3RT** and **IO3AF** are 2 special calls for ARI Thiene to commemorate 100th anniversary of Arturo Ferrarin's epic flight from Rome to Tokyo. Look for activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, CW and digital modes until end May. QSL via IQ3BM. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY II5MPI is the special callsign for the Mediterraneo DX Club's Pisa District to celebrate its 10th anniversary on 1-30 April. QSL via LoTW. See qrz.com for more information.

I, ITALY Members of the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club is active as **4U25B** until end August. It draws attention to the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi. QSL via 9A2AA direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY ARI Fidenza will use a series of special calls during 2020 to commemorate 12 major events and achievements in Guglielmo Marconi's life:

<u>April:</u>	II4FTX First transatlantic radio signals transmission (1901)
<u>May:</u>	II4TEA First radio message between the United States and the United Kingdom (1903)
<u>June:</u>	II4REP Rescue of the ocean liner "Republic" (1909)
<u>July:</u>	II4NBL Marconi is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics (1909)
<u>August:</u>	II4CLT Inauguration of the radio station at Coltano (1911)
<u>September:</u>	II4PTN Marconi applies for his first patent (1896)
<u>October:</u>	II4LGH Marconi switches on the lights at Sydney Town Hall from Genoa via wireless transmission (1930)
<u>November:</u>	II4RVT Inauguration of Vatican Radio (1931)
<u>December:</u>	II4MDY Marconi Day at Chicago World's Fair (1933)

QSL via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. See <http://arifidenza.hamlogs.net/> for the award and more info.

JA, JAPAN Members of the JARL Okinawa Branch are supporting the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage building which burned down on Oct. 31 2019, with the special event station **8N6SHURI** during 2020. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

LX, LUXEMBOURG **LX20I** is the special call for the LX7I contest station in Eschdorf, Luxembourg to celebrate its 20th anniversary. It will be used for most contests in 2020, starting a single-operator entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January). QSL via LX2A. A special LX20I Award will be available. <http://lx7i.com/lx20i/>

LZ, BULGARIA The Bulgarian Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) continues to honour the memory of Orthodox saints during April as **LZ603IL**. QSO count towards the All Saints 2020 award. QSL via bureau or via LZ1KCP direct.

OE, AUSTRIA Austrian special event station **OE20M** will be active on April 24-26 to commemorate the anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's birth (25 April 1874). QSL via OE1WHC (bureau) or direct to DokuFunk, OE20M, An den Steinfeldern 4A, 1230 Wien, Austria. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA Wolfgang, OE1WWL is celebrating his golden jubilee in amateur radio during 2020 as **OE1970WWL**. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included (March 28-29) as OE0WWL. QSL via home call, bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE25EU** is celebrating the 25th anniversary since Austria acceded to the European Union. It will be used on 2-3 May, 6-7 and 21-22 June and during the first full weekends of July-November. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Czechoslovak DX Club, special callsign **OL30DXC** will be active on all bands and modes from now until 31

December. A special QSL card will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct cards go via OK2PXJ. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC OK4RQ, OK1VP, OK1AY, OK1DOL, OK6DJ and OK1IWS will be active throughout 2020 with the special event callsign **OL725PLZ** to mark the founding of Plzen 725 years ago. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log OQRS or OK1DRQ direct. (TNX DXNL)

OX, GREENLAND All people in the Danish Kingdom are going to celebrate the 80th birthday of H.M. The Queen on April 16, 2020 and so will the Danish amateur radio association EDR. In collaboration with the Greenlandic radio amateurs, we are organizing an event where many stations in the two entities will be active on all bands using the special callsigns **OX80HM** and **OZ80HM**. You will be able to obtain a special royal award on this day by contacting the different stations. Award rules will appear soon. The event will be throughout the day on April 16.

OZ, DENMARK **OZ80QUEEN** is QRV on April 16 to celebrate the 80th birthday of H.M. Queen Margrethe II. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OZ1ACB.

OZ, DENMARK To mark the liberation of Denmark, **OZ75MAY** will be QRV from May 1 until May 10. An award will be available on <https://oz75may.oz0j.dk/> QSL via OZ1ACB, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Special event station **PA75ASN** is active until 10 May to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the city of Assen during World War II. QSL via the bureau (preferred), or direct to PA0VCC. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Special station **PA75VERON** is active during 2020 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimentele Radio Onderzoek in Nederland. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Celebrating 75 years of freedom since the end of World War II, special Dutch callsigns **PA75FREE, PB75FREE, PC75FREE, PD75FREE, PE75FREE, PF75FREE, PG75FREE, PH75FREE, PA75FREEDOM and PD75FREEDOM** will be active on 1-31 May. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau; please use Club Log's OQRS for direct requests. A certificate will be available; see the YNOMY DX Group's website <http://www.ynomy.nl/> (TNX 425DX)

PY, BRAZIL PT2ADM is QRV **ZW75FEB** until end May. This to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, and as a tribute to the Forca Expedicionaria Brasileira, the Brazilian Expeditionary Force that fought alongside the Allied powers in Italy during the conflict. QSL via PT2ADM, direct or bureau.

PY, BRAZIL Special callsign **ZW60DF** will be active during April to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Brasilia. The city was founded on 21 April 1960, to serve as the new federal capital of Brazil and seat of government of the Distrito Federal. QSL via LoTW, or via PT2GTI. (TNX 425DX)

S5, SLOVENIA Radioclub Slovenska Bistrica (S59FOP) will be active as **S50EARTH** in April for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. QSL via eQSL only. Established in 1970, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. (TNX 425DX)

S5, SLOVENIA Members of the Radio Club Cerkno are active as special event callsign **S500E** throughout 2020. Activity is to mark half a million QSO made from the S50E - JN76AD station. A special QSL will confirm each contact via the bureau in early 2021. LOG will be uploaded on ARRL LoTW and CLUBLOG on a regular basis. For those who want to send card direct please request QSL over Clublog OQRS (preferred) or send SASE with 3 US\$ or equivalent in EUR to cover return postage to QSL manager Miran Vončina S50O, Cvetkova 35, 5282 Cerkno, Slovenija. Cards with insufficient postage or no return envelope will be returned via the QSL bureau. Special S500E T-shirt will be awarded to station with highest number of QSO (band/mode) from each continent and Slovenija. For more information, updates and useful links please visit Radio Club Cerkno S50E website at <http://www.s50e.si/> (TNX S50U)

SP, POLAND Look for **SN100KW** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope John Paul II on May 18, 1920. Operation during April and May. QSL via SP3PGS bureau.

SP, POLAND Special calls **3Z90PZK, HF90PZK, SN90PZK** and **SP90PZK** are QRV during 2020 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK,

Poland's IARU Society). Active during the same period are also **HF90TPAR**, **HF90TPBB**, **HF90TPBF**, **HF90TPBG**, **HF90TPCF** and **HF90TPCG**, whose suffixes memorialize the callsigns of the founding members of the Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow, the first amateur radio club in Poland and forefather of PZK. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND SNOKURP is a special callsign for Radio Club Baza (SP5KVW) to promote the Polish ethnic region of Kurpie until end May. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY The Turkey Radio Amateur Club's branch of Subesi (YM3KB) is active as **TC100KIDS** during April. This to mark the National Sovereignty and Children's Day (April 23).

TA, TURKEY TC1STAYHOME is a special callsign for the awareness of COVID-19 pandemic. For a couple of weeks; stay home, stay safe please. Operation until May 25.
<https://www.qrz.com/db/TC1STAYHOME>

UA, RUSSIA Special call **UE45SA** will be active on July 11-19 to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. Conducted in July 1975, it was the first joint US-Soviet space flight. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via RV3YR. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA The Western and Northern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club (WANSARC) celebrates its 50th anniversary as **VI50AWS** until end August. All contacts will be confirmed with a special QSL. <https://www.wansarc.org.au/>

VK, AUSTRALIA AX2020STAYHOME is a special event callsign issued to the Radio Amateur Society of Australia. It will be used to promote the message "STAY AT HOME" and encourage hams all around the world to isolate at home and get on-air.

XE, MEXICO The special event stations **4A60A, 4A60M, 4A60E, 4A60X, 4A60I, 4A60C, 4A60O, 4A60N, 4A60F** and **4A60S** celebrate the founding of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana (ARARM) 60 years ago. QRV until July 25. The club also offers an award for contacts with these stations.

XE, MEXICO The DXXE group celebrates their 15th anniversary during 2020 with the special event callsign **4A15DXXE** on HF. Members are also planning operations with special callsigns from other countries. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA Look for **YT50SCWC** by the Serbian CW Club to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Operation during 2020. QSL via YU1MM, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND At the suggestion of Paul, ZL4TT, we applied to Radio Spectrum Management for, and have been granted, approval to treat the COVID-19 lockdown period as a "special event." This means that, for the duration of the lock down, New Zealand Amateurs may use the **ZM** prefix instead of the ZL prefix on their callsign. Please feel free to use these callsigns from today. We hope that the use of the ZM prefix will:

- Help to relieve the boredom for amateurs stuck at home over the lockdown period; and
- Increase the profile of New Zealand amateurs (and New Zealand in general) overseas.

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA Look for **ZS95SARL** during 2020. This to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the South African Radio League, founded in May 1925 as South African Radio Relay League. QRV on HF, VHF, UHF and via satellites. QSL via bureau.